

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the first full paragraph of page 10, as follows:

The groove 35 communicates with one end of the residual toner chamber 661 at a toner receiving port P1. The toner-transporting belt 36 is partially exposed in the residual toner chamber 66a, so that the toner-transporting belt 36 receives the residual toner held in the residual toner chamber 66a and transports the residual toner in the C direction. The toner-transporting belt 36 has a plurality of projections ~~36~~ 36a. A toner receiving recess is defined between adjacent projections 36a.

Please replace the paragraph bridging pages 18 and 19, as follows:

Referring to Fig. 16, a shaft 285 is supported on the side frame 10 (Fig. 5) and supports the gear 282 in such a way that gear 282 rotates frictionally slidably on the shaft 285. the gear 282 includes a large-diameter gear section 286 with gear teeth formed in its outer circumferential surface and small-diameter bosses 287 and 288 that project in opposite directions from the gear section 286. The gear 282 has a center hole 279 that extends axially through the gear ~~82~~ 282.

Please replace the first full paragraph at page 19, as follows:

The shaft 285 has a large-diameter portion 285a and a small-diameter portion 285b. The large-diameter portion 285a is supported on the side frame 10 while the small-diameter portion 285b fits into the hole 279. A foamed sleeve 280 fits over the large-diameter portion ~~285~~ 285a to enclose the boss 288, so that the boss 288 of the gear 282 is in slidable contact with the foamed sleeve 280 and rotates relative to the foamed sleeve 280.

Please replace the second full paragraph at page 19, as follows:

The gear section 286 has 20 teeth having a size of M1 (module 1), and an average thickness of about 1 mm. The outer diameter of the bosses 287 and 288 and the large-diameter portion 285a is 8 mm. The outer diameter of the small-diameter portion ~~285a~~ 285b is 6 mm. The tolerance of the diameter of the bosses 287 and 288 is 0/-0.1 mm and the tolerance of the diameter of the large-diameter portion 285a is +0.1/0 mm.

Please replace the paragraph bridging pages 19 and 20, as follows:

In the embodiment, before the foamed sleeves 280 fits over the large-diameter portion 285a and the boss 288, the foamed sleeve 280 has an inner diameter slightly smaller than the outer diameter of the bosses 287 and 288 and the large-diameter portion 285a. First, the foamed sleeve 280 fits over the large-diameter portion ~~285~~ 285a and then the boss 288 fits into the clearance between the foamed sleeve 280 and the small-diameter portion 285b, thereby forming a shaft-supporting structure. The front edge of the large-diameter portion 285a is chamfered into a surface s, thereby facilitating smooth fitting of the foamed sleeve 280.